

**Question/comment:** An estimate of the direct productive labor hours (DPLH) per labor category is not provided in the Request for Proposal for DE-SOL-0005388. Will the Government provide such information so that Offerors may develop a responsive proposal?

**Response:** Historical data reflecting full time equivalent (FTE) support personnel by labor category is provided in Section J.9, Attachment D of the RFP in the table titled Position Qualifications. Each Offeror is expected to propose the labor categories and DPLH to meet the technical and organizational approaches proposed.

**Question/comment:** If an Offeror or major or critical subcontractor on a bidding team has been performing work as a major or critical subcontractor to a current NETL support contract prime contractor and the Offeror desires to submit that work as relevant experience, can the Offeror or major or critical subcontractor provide a federal manager as the point of contact for past performance information instead of the prime to which they are currently a subcontractor?

**Response:** The government provides performance evaluation information for the prime contractor delivering support services. Therefore, an Offeror or major or critical subcontractor currently performing as a subcontractor would need to use the contractor with whom they subcontract as the point of contact for past performance. A federal manager is not an appropriate point of contact.

**Question/comment:** Small businesses will be challenged to meet the size standard of \$35.5 million per year as it relates to the relevancy of the Offeror's experience. Will the government consider redefining the relevant size requirement?

**Response:** The size standard for the requirement has been established at \$35.5 million; however, for the criterion *Relevant Experience*, [relevant] size is defined as \$10 million per annum for the Offeror and major or critical subcontractors.

**Question/comment:** Will a version of the Performance Guarantee Agreement be acceptable if it states that each contactor's liability under the performance guarantee covers only the contract work for which that entity is responsible?

**Response:** No, in accordance with FAR Part 9.104 and 9.105; and DEAR Part 909.104-3 the Department of Energy may select an entity which was newly created (e.g., joint venture or other similarly binding corporate partnership) and may evaluate the financial resources of those legally bound, jointly and severally, by means of a performance guarantee. As such, each member of the performing entity will be jointly and severally responsible for 100% of the contract work.